



# The Great **WHATCOM TRASH CLEANUP** Pandemic Edition

**Pick up trash any time the week of September 12th - 19th**  
**Keep water trash-free during COVID's increase in single-use items**

**More info: [re-sources.org/GreatWhatcomCleanup](https://re-sources.org/GreatWhatcomCleanup)**

**Most trash  
collected  
wins PRIZES!**

We challenge Whatcom County to cleanup all the litter you can find during [Whatcom Water Week](#) (a week-long community celebration of our local water resources), September 12th - 19th.

**WHO:** Anyone should participate, but we are calling all **4th and 5th grade classrooms** specifically to make a difference in their community!

**WHEN:** Do your cleanup any time the week of September 12th - 19th. Photo submissions for chance at prizes are due by 5:00 p.m. September 21st. [Submit photos here!](#)

**WHERE:** We encourage you to clean up your own neighborhoods and your favorite parks, trails, and beaches. But if nothing comes to mind, we've identified some [trash hotspots on this map](#).

**HOW:** Follow [these protocols to protect yourself](#) and [watch this example video!](#)

**And perhaps most importantly, WHY:** Our community can keep waterways cleaner during COVID, a time when increased use of single-use items has led to worse plastic pollution and litter entering our waters. Animals get tangled up in it, they choke on it, and even get poisoned by it. Most of the garbage in our oceans and waterways originates from land, so picking up garbage in our neighborhoods and cities not only helps the animals and plants living on land, but organisms in the water too.

**Need more information? Are you a teacher and need ways to incorporate this into your classroom?**

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